



THE ARKANSAS EARLY CHILDHOOD LETTER



Arkansas Department of
Health & Human Services

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S WEEK

APRIL 2 - 8, 2006

Outstanding Early Childhood Professional

The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission will be accepting nominations for the **OUTSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONALS OF 2006**.

We are looking for persons who are making significant contributions to the early childhood field in Arkansas. Our children deserve the best and because of the fine efforts of the professionals throughout our state they receive the best! We want to recognize and honor these persons.

You should consider the following in choosing who you think is worthy of being named an **Outstanding Early Childhood Professional**:

***Length of Service**—How long has this person worked in the field? Is she/he a bright and shining newcomer who has made great contributions or has he/she been providing exceptional services in the early childhood field for many years?

***Community/Professional Service**—Has this person been involved with community activities and provided leadership in community projects? Is this person committed to working toward the betterment of his/her own community and the services children receive? Has this person provided professional leadership in the early childhood field, including support and development of new professionals?

***Evidence of Commitment to Children and Their Needs**—Is this person responsive to children's needs and concerned about working to improve the quality of life for Arkansas children?

***Active Involvement in Early Care & Education**—Is this person currently working with children? Is this person preparing others to work with children? Does this person contribute to the early childhood profession without direct contact with children?

***Participation in Opportunities for Professional Development**—Does this person routinely take advantage of training and education opportunities in order to increase their professionalism? Does this person provide professional development activities to others? Although advanced degrees are highly regarded, persons who have not attained a degree but still continue to increase their knowledge base should be given equal consideration.

To submit a recommendation, please complete the nomination form or call 501-682-9699 for a nomination form to be mailed to you or visit the DCCECE website at www.arkansas.gov.

Nominations will be reviewed if received by March 11, 2006. A committee of the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission will review all applications. Nominees will be asked to answer a series of essay questions regarding young children in Arkansas and to submit a resume. The Commission will select those persons who most reflect Outstanding Professionals in the Early Childhood Field.

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**ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S WEEK
OUTSTANDING EARLY CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL 2006
NOMINATION FORM**



I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise:

- _____ Caregiver/Teacher
- _____ Director/Administrator
- _____ Childcare Home
- _____ Home Based Educator
- _____ Professional Involved in Early Care & Education

Facility/Program _____

Address _____

Current Position(If caregiver or director, ages of children) _____

Previous Position/Jobs _____

II. EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE

III. PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Activity in professional organizations or work on behalf of young children

COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES _____

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION_____

IV. CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION In 50 words or less, Please state why this person should be selected as the 2005
OUTSTANDING CHILDHOOD PROFESSIONAL (attach additional sheet if needed)

V. REFERENCES please list 3 references

| NAME | ADDRESS | PHONE or E-Mail |
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

VI. PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION

Name_____

Address_____

Title_____

Phone_____E-Mail_____

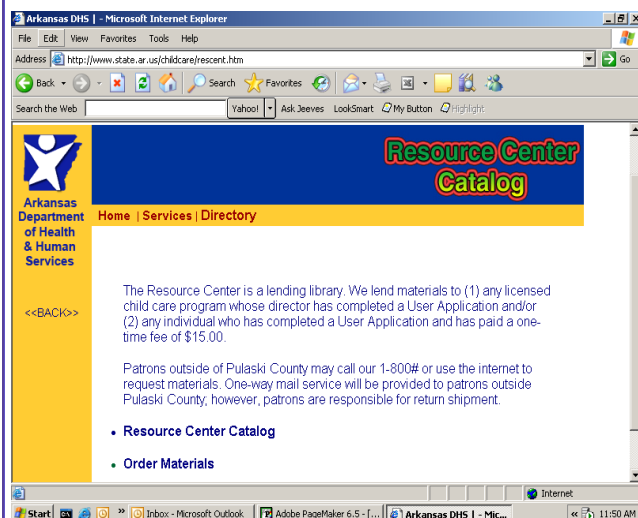
Relationship to nominee_____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 11, 2006

Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education
PO BOX 1437, SLOT S-160
Little Rock, AR 72203

(Do not include a resume with the nomination form. Only information contained in the nomination form will be considered during the initial review. Requests for a resume and additional information will be sent to the nominee.)

RESOURCE CENTER CATALOG ONLINE



The Resource Center Catalog is finally on the web! After many years we have finally been able to put the resource center catalog on the website for your convenience. You can even e-mail what materials you need and we will ship those out to you at no charge (if you are outside of Pulaski county). So visit the web today and request the materials you need for your program. For specific rules and information you can contact the resource center at 501-682-9699.

<http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/rescent.htm>

Arkansas Better Chance for School Success

The Arkansas Better Chance for School Success program is serving thousands of preschool children around the state with quality early education. If you are a parent or provider and have any questions about the ABC program, the ABC staff is available to assist you in any way.

Program Specialists - For questions about program requirements and eligibility:

Sherrill Archer, Central and Eastern Arkansas, 501-683-0973

Vivian Jackson, Southwest Arkansas, 501-683-0974

Kathy Rushing, Northwest Arkansas, 479-273-9011

Jamie Morrison, North Central Arkansas, 501-683-0975

Megan Coyle, Southeast Arkansas, 501-683-0977

Data Specialists - For questions about ABC program data and statistics:

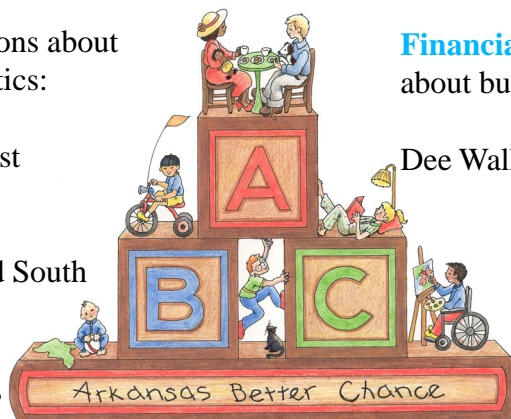
Pamela Pennington, Northwest Arkansas, 501-683-4600

Barbara Barrows, Central and South Arkansas, 501-682-2314

Linda Kye, Eastern Arkansas, 501-683-0972

Financial Manager - For questions about budgets and program expenses:

Dee Walker, 501-682-4896.



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**The Arkansas Early Childhood
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THANK YOU

A Special Thanks for your helping to make our National
School Lunch Program Annual Training a success.

A Special Thanks to the USDA Dallas Regional Office
Staff, Jo Ann Slack and Teresa Johnson.

The Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services,
Commodity Program Staff, Lynn Jackson, Mike Lewis,
Linda Martin, William "Bill" McCradic, Joyce Moody and
Charlene Williams.

The Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services,
Raymond Heaggans, Little Rock Office.

**ARE YOU AUTHORIZED TO SIGN
THE REIMBURSEMENT
CLAIM FORM?**



IS THE SIGNATURE LEGIBLE?
REMEMBER SHOULD YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATIONAL
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM OR NEED INFORMATION
ABOUT THE PROGRAM PLEASE CALL VICKIE
STEWART AT 1-800-482-8580 EXTENSION 682-8869 OR
E-MAIL US AT VICKIE.STEWART@ARKANSAS.GOV.

NSLP REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM FORM

- 1** Are you using a current roster or sign in
sheet at your school or facility?
- 2** Have you checked your meal count numbers?
- 3** Have you rounded up the number because
there are no partial people?
- 4** Is the claim form correctly and completely
filled out?
- 5** Are you billing in the correct categories?

For more information contact the SNP program at
501-682-8869.



Feel like you're battling against time? **Put Time On Your Side** will help you learn personal and classroom time management techniques including: organization, routines, rituals, scheduling and transitioning.

Child Care providers need to be aware of the importance of financial literacy and good financial management practices. With these fun, developmentally appropriate activities you will be able to teach valuable **Money Concepts** to young children as well as adults.

In **Adventure in the Kitchen**, you'll learn how to seize the opportunity for teaching good nutrition to preschoolers through activities with food. Help them discover where food comes from; how it grows; how it looks, tastes, feels, sounds and smells; and even how it changes when prepared.

Food allergies can be overwhelming, confusing and even dangerous. **Allergy Attack** explores how to manage food allergies and create a safer child care environment for children with food allergies.

Children learn from what they see. In **Healthy Habits: Live It**, you'll learn ways to live a healthy lifestyle that models healthy living for children.

Habits developed at a young age lead to good health in adulthood. **Healthy Habits: Teach It** will focus on creative ideas for teaching young children healthy habits.

The impact of even the worst emergencies can be minimized by appropriate planning and practice. **Emergency Response: Are You Prepared** addresses ways to respond to emergencies such as: natural disasters, terrorism, and other dangerous situations.

Interior Design: Early Childhood Style will focus on creating beautiful and exciting environments where children can work and play using appropriate resources, materials and equipment. Be ready to spark your imagination and challenge your sense of design.

Does your classroom have serious problems with clutter and disorganization? **Making a Clean Sweep** will explore creative ways to reduce clutter and effectively organize and store materials in your classroom.

Bullying can turn the best child care experience into the worst. Quality care and effective learning are difficult to achieve when children are worried about a bully's threats or actions. But there is help. In **The No Bullying Zone**, you'll learn why children bully and what you can do to stop it.

Sometimes we unintentionally spoil children by giving too much of the wrong things. **Giving Your Best: An Anti-Spoiling Guide**, will explore what children really need and how to best give it.



Child Care Provider Training- 2006

| Day | Location | Time | Agent | Phone |
|----------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| January | | | | |
| 10 | Jonesboro | 6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Tammy Seefeld | 870-886-3741 |
| 10 | Monticello | 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Donna Francis | 870-460-6270 |
| 10 | Ashdown | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | LaVetta Davis | 870-777-5771 |
| 12 | Jonesboro | 6:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Tammy Seefeld | 870-886-3741 |
| 14 | Arkadelphia | 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. | Robbie McKinnon | 870-285-2161 |
| 14 | Pine Bluff | 9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. | Joyce Whittington | 870-534-1033 |
| 17 | Ashdown | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | LaVetta Davis | 870-777-5771 |
| 17 | Monticello | 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Donna Francis | 870-460-6270 |
| 21 | Walnut Ridge | 8:30a.m. – 2:30p.m. | Tammy Seefeld | 870-886-3741 |
| 21 | Russellville | 8:00a.m – 1:00p.m. | Susan Pickle | 479-754-2240 |
| 23 | Nashville | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | Jean Ince | 870-845-7517 |
| 24 | Texarkana | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | LaVetta Davis | 870-777-5771 |
| 24 | Monticello | 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Donna Francis | 870-460-6270 |
| 24 | Jonesboro | 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. | Tammy Seefeld | 870-886-3741 |
| 26 | Jonesboro | 6:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. | Tammy Seefeld | 870-886-3741 |
| 28 | Arkadelphia | 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m. | Robbie McKinnon | 870-285-2161 |
| 28 | Crossett | 8:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. | Iris Phifer | 870-853-2080 |
| 28 | Stuttgart | 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. | Joyce Whittington | 870-534-1033 |
| 28 | Little Rock | 8:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. | Joy Buffalo | 501-340-6650 |
| 30 | Nashville | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | Jean Ince | 870-845-7517 |
| 31 | Texarkana | 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m. | LaVetta Davis | 870-777-5771 |
| 31 | Monticello | 6:30p.m. – 8:30p.m. | Donna Francis | 870-460-6270 |

For more information or to register for one of these workshops contact, University of Arkansas • Division of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, 2301 South University Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204 • Phone (501) 671-2000 • Fax (501) 671-2209

LICENSING UPDATE

Child Care Licensing Staff members David Griffin, Kathy Mackay and Mary Oliver as well as Office of Chief Counsel Attorney Tami Harlan, will present a training session at the NARA Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on October 11, 2005. NARA (National Association for Regulatory Administration) is holding their national conference in Albuquerque from October 9th through the 12th. The session that Arkansas Child Care Licensing will be presenting is titled "Do you play well with others or do you run with scissors?" The training will focus on the balanced use of regulatory authority and will feature skits based on actual regulatory scenarios.

The Verification Dates for the 2005-2006 School Year

The new dates for Verification of Free and Reduced Priced Applications for the Applications on hand at your school is from October 1, 2005 - November 15, 2005.

The correctly completed Verification Packets are now due into the Office of Special Nutrition Program by December 2, 2005. Should you need an extension, you must submit in writing or fax your request to our office before November 1, 2005. We must contact the United Department of Agriculture, Dallas Regional Office for an approval on this matter.

Voucher Billing Program Update

All Day Care Providers should complete billing on the old system by December 31, 2005. Included in the newsletter is a Request of Authorization Re-Obligation form. This form can be faxed to 501-683-0034 (Attention: Delois Calhoun). The mailing address should be:

**Division of Child Care-Family Support Unit
P O Box 1437 Slot S-145
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437
Attention: Delois Calhoun**

This form is to be used in completing de-obligated days by the old year system. Other de-obligations should be referred to the caseworker.

Billing on the new system, beginning July 2005 for the first time, please follow these procedures:

Dial the new telephone number (501-683-3499 or 1-866-225-0872) and enter the five digit facility number. If the facility number is only four digits place a zero in front of the number. (Example: 1111-should be 01111-representing five digit). The next step is to enter the old PIN (Personal Identification Number) from the old system. The new system will prompt you to create a new PIN number of your choosing. It will allow you to re-enter the PIN number, which will indicate the new PIN number is accepted.

The New Child Care Billing System will appear showing a menu for Billing Entry, Billing Review, Reports, Maintenance, Help, Logon, and other menu.

If address updates are needed for receiving warrants please call for a W-9 form. As a reminder it is getting time to verify all address changes for the 1099 that will be mailed out on January 31, 2005.

Reports: All reports such as Worksheet and Remittance Listing for the new year, July, 2005 can be run by each individual provider. Continue to use the mandatory attendance form and Child Care Billing Forms. For Computer/Internet users, call up the report menu and select either the worksheet or remittance report.

Telephone Users: Please press the option (4) for reports. Press (1) for the authorization worksheet. Press (2) for the remittance report. To change or add a fax number for receiving reports call up option (5) for Maintenance.

Voucher Agreement: Please be reminded that a new Child Care System Participant Agreement (DHS-9800) is required if any changes occur to the following: Facility Number, Business Structure, and Tax Payer Identification Number. Please refer all calls to Debra Tayes-Cooper (501-682-8758).

**Department of Human Services
Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education**

Request of Authorization Re-Obligation

Child Care Provider Name

Tax Identification Number

Name of Child Care Facility/Number

State License Number

Street Address

Telephone

City State Zip

Fax Number

Describe the specific reasons for the provider not billing within the 60 day requirement:

Listing of authorization to be corrected.

| Authorization Number | Line Numbers | Month/Year |
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Signature

Date

CDA Approved Institutions

The following is a list of Arkansas institutions of higher learning that have been approved by the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education to receive Child Development Associate (CDA) Scholarship funding through June 30, 2006.

Arkansas North Eastern College

Lisa Staggs, Coordinator
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Phone: (870) 763-1486, Fax: (870) 763-1496
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Arkansas State University Childhood Services

Virginia DeMaine, Coordinator
CDA Program
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Phone: (870) 972-3055, Fax: (870) 972-3556
E-mail: vdemaine@astate.edu
Website: <http://mutans.astate.edu/chs>

Arkansas State University-Searcy

Dottie Whiteside, Vice President
Continuing Education
1800 E. Moore Avenue, Box 909, Searcy, AR 72143
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E-mail: dwhiteside@searcy.asub.edu

Arkansas Technical University

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Phone: (479) 968-0234, Fax: (479) 968-0205
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Black River Technical College-Paragould

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Website: <http://www.gcitebrtc.org>

Black River Technical College-Pocahontas

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P.O. Box 468, Pocahontas, AR 72455
Phone: (870) 248-4180, Fax: (870) 248-4100
E-mail: pattib@blackrivertech.edu
Website: <http://www.blackrivertech.org>

Cossatot Community College-UA

Robbie McKelvy, Division Chair, Univ. Transfer
P.O. Box 960 (183 Hwy 399), De Queen, AR 71832
Phone: (870) 584-4471, Fax: (870) 642-3320
E-mail: rmckelvy@cccua.edu
Website: <http://cccua.edu>

Crowley's Ridge Technical Institute

James Laws, Supervisor of Instruction
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Bus: 870-633-5411, Fax: 870-633-9328
E-mail: James@CRTL.TEC.AR.US

Harding University

Sharen Crockett, Professor
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Box 10813, Searcy, AR 72149-0001
Phone: (501) 279-4676, Fax: (501) 279-4098
E-mail: scrockett@harding.edu
Website: <http://www.harding.edu>

Mid-South Community College

Lynne Sharp
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Bus: 870-733-6730, Fax: 870-733-6789
E-mail: lsharp@midsouthcc.edu
Lori Payne
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Bus: 870-733-6784, Fax: 870-733-6789
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National Park Community College

David Hughes, CDA Coordinator
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E-mail: dhughs@npcc.edu
Website: <http://www.qti.tec.ar.us>

North Arkansas College

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Bus: 870-391-3101, Fax: 870-391-3109
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Northwest Arkansas Community College

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One College Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712
Bus: 479-619-2265
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Ozarka College

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Ouachita Technical College

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E-mail: brobertson@otcweb.edu
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Phillips Community College of the UAR

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South Arkansas Community College

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Southeast Arkansas

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Website: <http://www.uapb.edu>

For more information contact the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education at 1-501-682-9699 or visit the website at www.arkansas.gov.



?Rating Scale visits for the Quality Approval System will now be conducted on an unannounced basis. You will be contacted and given a time frame for the visit to be conducted once your application has been received and processed.

?We now have a listing of Quality Approved sites online. You can visit our website to see these sites at: <http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/> and click on "List of Quality Approved Programs".

?The application for Quality Approval has been updated! We also have a new function at our website that allows you to either print out a blank application or fill out the application online and print it off. You can find our application by visiting our website at: <http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/approvalapps.htm> and clicking on "Approval Application".

?The authors of the Environmental Rating scales have two books available, All about the ITERS-R and All about the ECERS-R. These books provide a more detailed explanation of what the indicators are really talking about. If you have not had a chance to look at these books, you might find them very helpful. They are available to check out from the Division of Child Care Resource Center and can be mailed to your facility if you are outside of Pulaski county. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Resource Center, please contact our office at 501-682-9699 or 1-800-445-3316. For additional information on these books, as well as the Rating Scales themselves, you may visit the authors' website at: <http://www.fpg.unc.edu/~ecers/>.

?If you are not currently Quality Approved, but would like to find out more information about it, please contact us at 1-800-445-3316 or visit our website at: <http://www.arkansas.gov/childcare/approval.html>.

(by Deborah Blackburn, Quality Approval Coordinator)

AUGUST 2005 RECALLS

[CPSC, Target Announce Recall of Back Trails Jr. Bicycle Helmets](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Target, of Minneapolis, Minn., is voluntarily recalling about 494,000 Back Trails Jr. Toddler, Youth and Child Bicycle Helmets. Some of these helmets do not meet CPSC safety standards for bicycle helmets, which poses a risk to riders of suffering head injuries.

[CPSC, Hidden Hills Productions, Inc. Announce Recall of Floor Mat Map Games](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Team WorldWide Corp., of Taipei City, Taiwan and Hidden Hills Productions Inc., of Westlake Village, Calif., are voluntarily recalling 140 Maptangle™ World Edition Floor Mat Map Games. The orange paint on the floor mat maps contains excess levels of lead. Lead poisoning is a serious hazard to children and is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

[CPSC, ZoloWear Announce Recall of Infant Carriers/Slings](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), ZoloWear Inc., of Austin, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 177 ZoloWear Infant Carriers/Slings. The stitching that attaches the webbing to the carrier/sling can break, posing a fall hazard to young children.



[CPSC, Stork Craft Manufacturing Inc. Announce Recall of Toy Boxes](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Craft Manufacturing Inc., of Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, is voluntarily recalling about 3,300 Stork Craft Toy Boxes. The toy box's lid support can fail, allowing the lid to collapse suddenly. This poses a strangulation hazard to young children, and possible impact injuries to a child's head, neck, fingers or hands.

[CPSC, Almar Sales Co. Announce Recall of Children's Watches](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Almar Sales Co. Inc., of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 50,400 Water Watches. The band on the watch contains liquid petroleum distillates. If punctured the watch band could leak. Petroleum distillates could be harmful if ingested and cause irritation to the skin or eyes on contact.



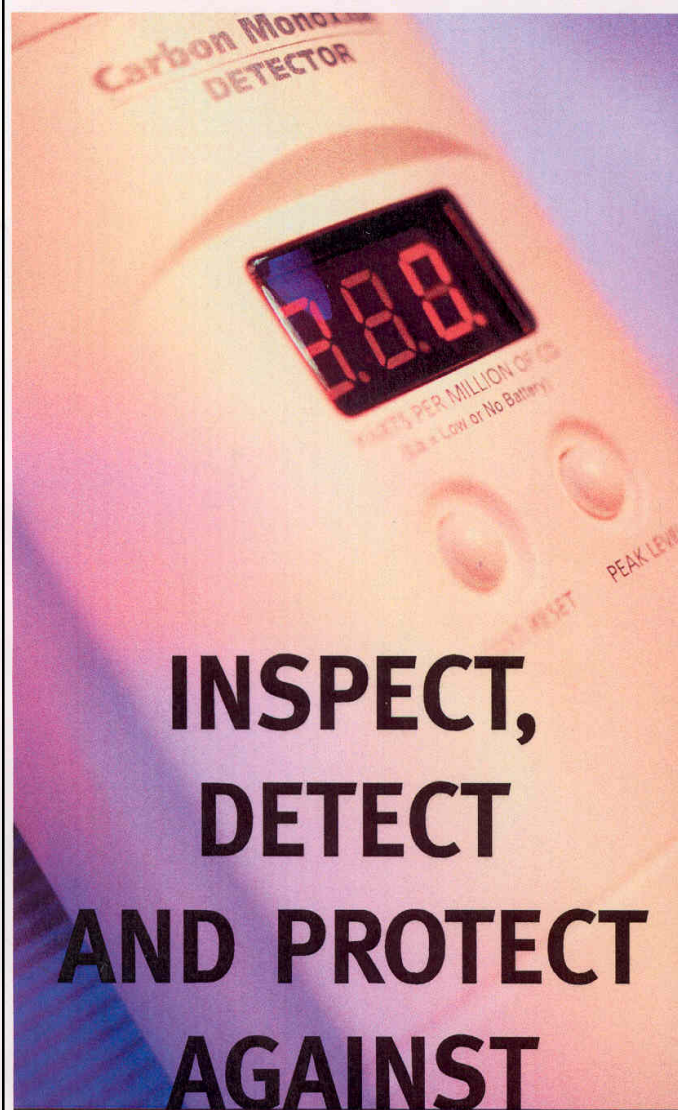
[CPSC, The Gymboree Corp. Announce Recall of Baby Sandals](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), The Gymboree Corp., of San Francisco, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 5,600 Caroline Flower Baby Sandals. A plastic flower attached to the sandals can pull or snap off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

[CPSC, Kelty Announce Recall of Speedster Jogging Strollers](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Kelty Division of American Recreation Products Inc., of Boulder Colo. is voluntarily recalling 349 Kelty Speedster Deluxe and Speedster Deuce Jogging Strollers. The stroller handle can disconnect from stroller frame during use.

For more information contact the Office of the Attorney General, 323 Center Street, Suite 200, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, **1-800-482-8982**, Consumer Hotline, **(501) 682-2341**.



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Parents work hard to take care of their kids. But it's not always easy. Without health insurance, medical bills can break the family budget. Now there's help. Thousands of Arkansas kids are eligible for free or low-cost health care coverage through ARKids First. A child in your center could be one of them. Often Children are not enrolled in ARKids First because parents are not aware of the program and have misperceptions about eligibility. Many working families may not know that their children qualify for ARKids First or other government-sponsored child health care insurance programs. Public education about the availability of health insurance for children and how to obtain benefits is vital. Simply telling families about ARKids First or health insurance programs is usually not enough. Many families are troubled when it comes to filling out forms, so giving them an option to discuss the paperwork can make a difference in whether they complete an application or not.

Simple Ways Childcare Programs can help enroll children in ARKids First:

- 1.** Send each child home with a flyer or brochure. Include information about ARKids First in orientation sessions with parents.
- 2.** Make contact with your local DHS office. They can help to answer questions that you may have.
- 3.** Post information about ARKids first in prominent places. Put information on the front door bulletin boards, and include it in information you send home with parents. (Information sheets can be printed from the ARKids First website at www.arkidsfirst.com.)
- 4.** Make applications available. Information and applications can be printed online at www.arkidsfirst.com. You can also contact your local DHS office for applications or you can call 1-888-475-8275 for more information.
- 5.** Join together to spread the word. One center could sponsor an ARKids First information session for parents from various centers. Another center could offer a workshop on how to complete the application.
- 6.** Conduct a child healthy survey. Conduct a survey with all the families in your center to determine which children have insurance and which do not. Then follow-up with families of children who do not have insurance.



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